GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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FALLING PRICES OF CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India is aware that the each of the cash crop are not purchased by Government organisation when the prices fall less than the supportive prices;

(b) if so, action taken by Government to avoid such instances; and

(c) details of the expenditure incurred by the Government on the development of each crop industry in the respective States during last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Government intervenes in Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco market if the prices of the crop fall below the Minimum Support Price (MSP). Its prices have been ruling above the MSP during the last 3 years. For certain varieties of natural rubber a minimum price is fixed, which is not for market intervention.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Expenditure incurred/Funds released for development of various cash crops during last three years is given below.

Expenditure incurred by Spices Board and Tobacco Board on spices and tobacco.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the State	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
	Spices			Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco		
Kerala	135.01	115.86	199.38	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	34.98	31.58	30.34	-	-	-
Karnataka	94.21	69.71	109.50	10.76	27.01	31.89
Andhra Pradesh	48.55	119.16	220.70	29.00	53.11	48.35
Orissa	0.10	3.92	9.53	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	18.30	-	-	-	-
Gujarat	43.17	53.67	55.12	-	-	-
Rajasthan	43.25	63.67	51.83	-	-	-
Tripura	-	1.00	-	-	-	
Mizoram	-	2.01	26.66	-	-	-
Meghalaya	-	0.28	7.34	-	-	-
Assam	55.00	-	2.49	-	-	-
Nagaland	2.74	1.09	-	-	-	-
Sikkim	30.88	23.80	28.67	-	-	-
West Bengal	-	6.14	9.44	-	-	-
Other North East states	3.98	14.47	31.34	-	-	-
Total	489.13	625.31	784.43	39.76	80.12	80.24

Source: Spices Board and Tobacco Board

Expenditure incurred by Tea Board, Coffee Board and Rubber Boards

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the Commodity	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Tea	4697	6506	4745
Coffee	3190	3468	4684
Rubber	6164	8408	9005
Total	14051	18382	18434

State-wise details of expenditure are not readily available.

Funds released under the scheme on Macro -management in Agriculture for agricultural crops

Name of the State	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Andhra Pradesh	2250.00	1900.00	3800.00
Arunachal Pradesh	219.50	463.20	317.28
Assam	523.50	350.00	350.00
Bihar	1800.00	1250.00	900.00
Jharkand	1095.00	600.00	1200.00
Goa	200.00	162.20	131.04
Gujarat	1900.00	1600.00	1150.00
Haryana	1620.00	1600.00	1585.15
Himachal Pradesh	1800.00	1600.00	1585.15
Jammu & Kashmir	900.00	1932.00	1680.00
Karnataka	5850.00	5338.00	5580.00
Kerala	2313.54	2762.00	2348.00
Madhya Pradesh	5000.00	4350.00	4400.00
Chhattisgarh	1339.02	1138.00	1600.00
Maharashtra	9000.00	7612.00	8400.00
Manipur	345.00	300.00	300.00
Meghalaya	202.74	700.66	427.25
Mizoram	720.00	810.00	820.00
Nagaland	776.80	660.00	880.00
Orissa	1485.00	1250.00	1967.31
Punjab	1035.00	850.00	-
Rajasthan	5250.00	6700.00	6571.00
Sikkim	422.00	330.00	500.00
Tamil Nadu	4500.00	3360.00	4275.00
Tripura	630.00	900.00	715.34
Uttar Pradesh	7500.00	6885.00	7375.00
Uttaranchal	1400.00	1290.00	1600.00
West Bengal	2500.0	1427.47	1920.00
Delhi	-	80.00	50.00
Pondicheerry	135.00	100.00	-
A & N Islands	90.00	100.00	100.00
Chandigarh	50.00	-	-
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	135.00	100.00	10.00
Daman & Diu	45.00	-	-
Lakshadweep	90.00	100.00	50.00
Total	63122.00	58600.76	62664.56

Cash crop-wise details are not available. Source - Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.